



Food Brings Hope sponsors FBHonors Program at Campbell Middle School

Twelve students from Campbell Middle School are attending FBHonors, an after school honors program. Identified high achieving students in sixth grade meet every weekday after school for 2 1/2 hours.

Campbell Middle School is located in a high crime area and 85% of the students receive free or reduced lunch. The goal of the FBHonors, another initiative of the Food Brings Hope program, is to provide numerous enrichment opportunities to build on the strengths of these high-achievers while developing a love of higher learning. It is very important for these students to be exposed to math, science, reading, and cultural activities to build their background knowledge.

The program is named in memory of Farshad Babazadeh who was killed in a car accident at the young age of 18. Farshad's parents, Mansour and Simin Babazadeh, are funding the FBHonors Program with the goal of making sure these bright students are provided with many varied opportunities to ensure their success in life. The goal of FBHonors program is to follow these students through their middle and high school years and help them to get into the best colleges and universities of their choice.

Over the next few months, through the dedication of Embry Riddle's Department of Engineering Dean, Dr. Maj Mirmirani, the FBHonors students will be able to work closely with Professor Dr. Allam and graduate students on engineering projects. The students will also have the opportunity to work with the College of Business under the direction of Dean Williams. Students will work with Asst Professor Jenny Hinebaugh and graduate students while learning basic business concepts. Being exposed to careers involving math, science, and business and visiting the Embry-Riddle campus will provide invaluable experiences for these students.

The FBHonors students will also study various topics at Campbell, such as participating in Book Club, writing digital trailers, learning about Greek Mythology, and creating examples of the domino theory, to name just a few. Students will also learn to solve algebraic equations and write advanced equations with variables while participating in Equation Races.

Food Brings Hope, founded by local businesswoman Forough B., Hosseini, is dedicated to helping break the cycle of poverty for identified homeless and other economically disadvantaged children enrolled in Volusia County Public Schools. The program began six years ago to provide nourishing meals, enhanced academics, rewards for improvement, and opportunities to participate in sporting and cultural events.

For additional information, please visit our website at www.FoodBringsHope.org or contact Executive Director Beth Butera at Beth@FoodBringsHope.org.

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